

**Westford, Massachusetts
Annual Town Meeting Results
March 24 & 26, 2012**

Article	Title	Result
1	Acceptance of Town Reports	Passed unanimously
Resolution	Be it resolved that the Planning Board take their “self stated” next step for the Comprehensive Master Plan and, establish and kick-off the associated Master Plan Implementation Committee. Furthermore, to report to the Town on the Committee’s Charter, it’s organization, status and activities at our 2012 Fall Town Meeting	Passed unanimously
2	FY2012 Supplemental Appropriations	Passed unanimously
3	FY2012 Budget Transfers	Dismissed unanimously
4	Unpaid Bills from Previous Fiscal Year(s)	Dismissed unanimously
Resolution	Be it resolved that Town Meeting advise the Board of Selectmen that they not eliminate Recycling pickup nor institute a trash fee.	Passed by majority
5	Authorization to Accept Settlements Amended to read: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to settle the Town’s claims against the blasting sub-contractor and perchlorate suppliers in connection with the Town’s Highway Garage Project, upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems in the best interests of the Town.	Passed by majority as amended
6	Perchlorate Stabilization Fund and Perchlorate Expenses	Passed unanimously
7	Capital Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2012	Passed unanimously
8	Testing, Repairing, and Replacement of Large Capacity Water Meters	Passed unanimously
9	Community Preservation Committee Recommendations	Passed by majority
10	Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget	Passed by majority
Resolution	For Town Meeting to have a business plan that accelerates the ambulance service to break even by fall Special Town Meeting	Passed by majority
11	Property Tax Exemption Increase by 100% for the Blind, Elderly and for Disabled Veterans	Consent Agenda item Passed by majority on 3/26/2012
12	Revolving Funds	Passed unanimously
13	Highway Department Chapter 90 Funds	Consent Agenda item Passed by majority on 3/26/2012
14	Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Parking	Dismissed unanimously

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15	Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Parking – Citizens’ Petition Amended to read: That the Town will vote to accept a donation of up to \$5000 from the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, Inc. for the surveying and other technical work to develop of up to two (2) small, unpaved, unlit parking areas adjacent to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in Westford and that the Town makes use of State-funded design money allocated in the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Phase 2A design contract for the purpose of designing the aforementioned parking areas adjacent to Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in Westford.	Passed by majority as amended 150 in favor 134 opposed
16	Transfer Custody of Parcel 86 Map 7 (Acton Road Parcel) From Tax Possession Sale Committee to the Parks and Recreation Commission.	Failed for lack of majority (2/3 majority required) 119 in favor 122 opposed
17	Transfer Custody of Parcel 86 Map 7 (Acton Road Parcel) From Tax Possession Sale Committee to the Parks and Recreation Commission – Citizens’ Petition	Dismissed unanimously
18	Cease All Planning or Development of Public Parking Areas in Residential Zoned Parts of The Town Within 1.0 Mile of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail – Citizen’s Petition	Failed for lack of majority 136 in favor 146 opposed

March 26, 2012 adjourned session

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19	Capital Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013	Motion 1: passed by majority Motion 2: passed by a 2/3 declared majority Motion 3: passed by a 2/3 declared majority
20	Westford Academy Bleachers – Citizen’s Petition	Dismissed unanimously
21	Water Distribution System Improvements – Route 110 Water Main Replacement – Boston Road to Nixon Road and Nixon Road to Saint Mary’s Drive	Passed by a 2/3 declared majority
22	Approve The Amendment to Admit The Town of Ayer to The Nashoba Valley Technical School District	Passed unanimously

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23	Change Permitted Parking Along Connell Drive and Main Street – Citizen’s Petition The Board of Library Trustees voted (4-0-0) at their regularly scheduled meeting on 3/12/12 to cooperate and participate in any larger Town exploration of, and resolution to, insufficient parking for the Town Common facilities and events, and to pursue limiting “15-minute parking” in front of the Library to times when the Library is open.	Failed for lack of majority
Resolution	Resolve that the Town of Westford request the Board of Selectmen to prioritize the investigation and implementation of solutions to address additional parking needs for Westford’s town center	Passed by majority
24	Authority For Board of Selectmen to Accept Easements	Passed by majority
25	Establish a “Drop” Box Policy – Citizen’s Petition	Passed by majority
26	Naming of Westford Academy Main Gymnasium Basketball Court in Recognition of Ed Scollan	Passed unanimously
27	Naming of Blanchard Middle School Auditorium in Memory of Katie Enos	Passed unanimously
28	Request to Appoint Ad Hoc Committee to Rename Stepinski and East Boston Camps Parcels – Citizen’s Petition Plan	Dismissed unanimously
29	Amendments to Chapter 33: Legal Affairs	Dismissed by majority
30	Amendments to Chapter 90: Earth Removal Bylaw Amended to change the threshold for the Planning Board Special Permit process from 100 cubic yards to 400 cubic yards by inserting the number “400” in place of the number “100” in the motion.	Passed by majority
31	Amendments to Appendix C, Table of Dimensional & Density Regulations; Upland Requirement For Residential Lots	Passed unanimously
32	Amend Chapter 173, the Westford Zoning Bylaw, Definitions	Passed unanimously
33	Amend Chapter 173, to Change “Building Inspector” to “Building Commissioner”	Passed unanimously
34	Amendments to Section 9.3, 9.4, and 10.2 – Citizen’s Petition	Passed unanimously
35	Accept Rush Road, Randolph Circle, and Hutchins Way as Public Ways	Passed unanimously
36	Transfer Custody of Town Properties from Board of Selectmen to the Board of Water Commissioners	Passed unanimously
37	Accept Donation of Land Located at 275 Groton Road for General Municipal Purposes	Passed unanimously

The 283rd Annual Town Meeting voted to adjourn at 9:10pm on March 26, 2012, having no further business to address.